

**OPHTHALMIC COMPOSITIONS FOR LUBRICATING EYES  
AND METHODS FOR USING SAME**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5           Ophthalmic compositions include an ophthalmically  
acceptable carrier component, for example, an aqueous-based  
carrier, and a plurality of polyanionic component portions  
having different molecular weights. In one embodiment, the  
polyanionic component includes a first polyanionic  
10       component portion having a first molecular weight; and a  
second polyanionic component portion having a different  
second molecular weight. Each of the first and second  
polyanionic component portions is present in an amount  
effective to provide lubrication to an eye when the  
15       composition is administered to an eye. Methods of making  
and using such compositions are also disclosed.